

ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION
December 18, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Academic Standards Review Commission met for a Regular Meeting on Friday, December 18, 2015, at 1 p.m. in the State Board of Education Board Room, 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

At 1 p.m., Andre Peek called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Andre Peek, Co-Chair, Wake
Dr. John T. Scheik, Wake
Bill Cobey, Durham
Dr. Jeffrey Isenhour, Catawba
Katie Lemons, Stokes
Denise Watts, Mecklenburg

Tammy Covil, Co-Chair, New Hanover
Dr. Olivia Oxendine, Robeson
Jeannie Metcalf, Forsyth
Dr. Laurie McCollum, Rockingham
Ann B. Clark, Mecklenburg

Jo Herrera, Commission staff

Under Approval of Minutes, Andre Peek made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2015. Jeannie Metcalf and Laurie McCollum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Old Business A, Commission staff confirmed the timeline for editing the final report will take another few days, and highly dependent on the outcome of the discussion and voting process of this board meeting.

Under Old Business, Item B: Andre Peek mentioned the editorial assistance of Dr. Amber Rach and reminded staff to circulate the draft electronically after Dr. Rach's editing of the final report is done.

Under Item for Information, Senator Tillman addressed the Commission. He acknowledged reading the draft of the final report (posted on ASRC website, Dec 17, 2015), and said that he "liked what (he) read such as the comparison with standards of other states" and that he hoped that the "ASRC would stick to the draft's contents with some modifications."

In a gist, the voting process among 11 Commissioners were as follows:

On ELA recommendations:

#1 through 3 were APPROVED. Discussions ensued on modifying the wording of certain bullets to reflect a more accurate intent. Members also voted 10 to 1 to have the ELA recommendations be modified to include Math.

On Math recommendations:

Discussions evolved around questioning and revising statements that mention the National Mathematics Advisory Panel benchmarks, comparison to the Minnesota standards, and the return to the traditional sequencing of Math subjects vs. integrated Math. Members suggested further modification on both Math recommendations.

#1 (K-8) recommendation was voted, OPPOSE (7), AFFIRM (4).

#2 (HS/9-12) recommendation was voted, OPPOSE (6), AFFIRM (3).

Commissioner Jeannie Metcalf left the meeting after the ASRC had voted on the K-8 recommendation.

On the testing recommendation:

9 members APPROVED, 1 abstained.

Members suggested an amendment to be made in the wording of the recommendation on testing that, "Contingent upon SBE adoption of these recommendations, the NCDPI should align future tests and assessments to the revised standards."

Under New Business, no matters were raised.

Under Announcements, Co-Chairs publicized the delivery of the Final Report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2015.

At 4:00p.m., Andre Peek made a motion to adjourn. Bill Cobey and Jeff Isenhour seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.